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May 17, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: WINSTON LORD *W*  
SUBJECT: Chinese Checklist

NSS, State Dept.  
reviews completed

Actions With the Chinese

At Tab A is the memcon of HAK's May 15 meeting with the Chinese. The summary of our SALT proposal is going to the Chinese today. Following is a rundown of the actions still required from that meeting and from HAK's February trip:

- HAK's message to Bruce, which he approved. The text is with the Situation Room and they will send it as soon as we hear from our communicator, which should be in the next day or two.
- Next week we must send a summary of our MBFR proposal to the Chinese. I have alerted Bill Hyland to this requirement and he should be reminded early next week.
- We said that we would send the Chinese the SALT principles for the Summit when they are worked out, but we specified no time limit. HAK should be reminded of this promise once the principles are reaching a more authoritative form.
- We owe the Chinese an answer within the next two weeks on our scenario for first adjourning and then abolishing UNCURK. The Chinese comment and HAK's last phone conversation with Rush on this subject are attached at Tab B. What is needed is a phone call to Rush to ask him to draw up a scenario.
- We promised the Chinese answers on special material that Jon Howe has. It is up to the Chinese to contact us to let us know whether they wish this information to be provided in Washington or in New York. Jon Howe has the necessary information.

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- We promised the Chinese a rundown on our future plans for MAP in Taiwan. Dick Kennedy's summary is attached at Tab C. This should be included in the briefing materials for HAK's next meeting with the Chinese.
- Attached at Tab D is a full rundown of the commitments and understandings that we made during HAK's February trip to Peking, marked up to show the present status. As you will see, almost all of these items have been taken care of or are in train, with the most urgent ones already noted above. This list, however, is a useful reminder of many of our major policy directions which we told the Chinese we would follow. There is a duplicate list in the folder in my safe on HAK's February 1973 trip. This list is, of course, very sensitive.

Contacts With the Chinese

I have told the Chinese that Howe should now be the principal contact with Rodman as secondary contact. Once the Chinese Liaison office is open here, our New York operation should be effectively concluded. The Chinese have never finally confirmed, however, that they wish to cut off our contact with the UN Mission completely.

The following actions are required:

- HAK should clarify with the Chinese to what extent we rely solely on talking to their Liaison office and to what extent we maintain our New York contact for some business.

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cc: Jon Howe/Peter Rodman  
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